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Lord Carrington
Chairman, EC Peace Conference on Yugoslavia

Dear Lord Carrington,

Firstly, may I say how much we appreciate your brave efforts to bring peace to the terrifying situation in Yugoslavia. You have negotiated with patience and great courage and we salute you for that.

Now the situation is such that Europe could well face destabilisation for many years to come if the 'carve-up' of Bosnia-Herzegovina happens as is threatened. This state has achieved independence through the will of its people in free elections, in line with the fundamental principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and has been recognised by the EC states. Yet it is now facing destruction. It is well-known that Serbia has limitless ambitions and the heart of the problem is surely that these must be checked. For example, EC aid to Serbia could be suspended, and an economic embargo could be applied particularly of oil and fuel supplies. As a last resort, maybe unnecessary if the previous steps were followed, the sending of a European peace-keeping force to Bosnia should be seriously considered, to stop the horrendous slaughter of innocents and in the interests of the long-term stability of Europe.

The EC has great influence and it is not too late for it to act. We urge you to continue your efforts and pray to God for their success.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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